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A GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE

Adam Robb, a teacher at Lord Shaughnessy High School, with a garden grown by a special-needs student in his new Environmental and Energy Innovation course. The new offering allows students to develop their own studies, experiments and policies, all the while earning high-school credits. Robb hopes his course will help fuel creative thinking that could eventually help Alberta as a whole as it faces a tough future with declining oil prices. Story, page 8. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Sudden 'uptrend' in gun violence 'very concerning'

Crime. Police plan to get weapons off streets



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Calgary is in the midst of a "disturbing" spike in gun violence, according to a veteran police officer who said three unrelated shootings in the span of 12 hours this week is unprecedented in his career, apart from the gang warfare of late last decade.

"In all honesty, in my 35 years, I can't recall — other than the 2007, 2008, 2009 gang times — when we had multiple incidents like this," police spokesman Kevin Brookwell said Monday.

Police quickly arrested a suspect, 20-year-old Alan Devon Bird, in the first incident, which saw 30-year-old Jaimend Roberto Orellana-Sincuir gunned down in the street outside his home in Winston Heights at about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Bird is charged with first-degree murder.

Then, at about 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Brookwell said "multiple gunshots" were fired in the Killarney area, where police found a man in his early 20s critically wounded. The victim remains in hospital, Brookwell said, and has been unco-operative with investigators.

In the third incident, a man was dropped off at hospital around 2:30 a.m. Monday with a gunshot wound and declared dead shortly afterward, according to police, who have "very, very little information" about what happened and are asking witnesses to come forward.

With numerous shootings in January, as well, Brookwell said it all adds up to an "uptrend" so far in 2015 that's "very concerning" to police.

"It's important that we get these guns off the street because we're seeing the results of weapons that are available."

For more on the first murder victim, known to friends and family as Jaime 'Acres' Orellana, see page 6.

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Education. Union says cuts could cost 2,500 teacher jobs

Alberta's teachers' union is warning that there could be 2,500 fewer teachers this fall, should anticipated cuts by the provincial government come down.

Making matters worse is a projected student growth of 19,000 and reports already of some classes with 40 or more learners crammed in.

"We're not going to be able to hide these cuts," Mark Ramsankar, president of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), said Monday.

The ATA projections come in the wake of a plan announced by Finance Minister Robin Campbell to reduce departmental spending by five per cent. With inflation and population growth factored in, the total cut is about nine per cent.

But Ramsankar said his organization didn't even count growth, analyzing instead the fallout of a seven per cent cut. He said there are already warning signs of mass cuts to the programs for students, including word that the province would not renew a full-day kindergarten program offered by the Calgary Catholic School District.

"If there's a program that a district has chosen to pay for optionally, the answer will be no, it will be gone," Ramsankar said.

Teachers speaking to Metro at a recent Calgary convention already painted a picture of dwindling in-school resources and extended hours of personal time required to mark papers and support students.

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City decides to keep skate park open 24/7

Shaw Millennium.
Boarding association
happy with decision,
says concerns about
crime are unwarranted



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Calgary has decided to keep Shaw Millennium Park open all day and night after mulling a plan to limit hours at the 24-hour skate park following a surge in reported crime last summer.

In August 2014, police with the District 1 team told Metro a lack of restrictions on the park led to problems for officers in the area. There were reports of drugs, alcohol and serious assaults on the property.

After pooling police input, an online survey and public engagement, Todd Reichardt, manager of parks, centre division, said the decision was made to keep Millennium Park open 24/7 and to keep the green space around the skaters' heaven on regular 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. hours.

"There's only a handful of people that are actually using it," Reichardt said. "People like the idea of being able to use it at any time."

Much of the reported crime happened in the area around Shaw Millennium Park, Reichardt added, not directly in it.

Graham McGinn, who works at Royal Board Shop, said he uses the park in the



Jamie Knowles gears up to ride a rail at Shaw Millennium Park, which the city has decided to keep open 24 hours, seven days a week. METRO FILE

morning before work — but said some people's schedules may take them outside regular park hours.

"It's great that they're keeping it open," he said.

Zev Klymochko, co-chair with the Calgary Association of Skateboarding Enthusiasts, said they are happy with the city's decision. He said that although police are wary of the skate park, incidents are few and far between.

"I don't think there is much crime," Klymochko said. "We worked closely

with the city parks department on this, and it's what we've been hoping would happen."

Reichardt added that once the weather improves, there will be lockable gates put up in the "less visible" problem areas — but nothing to interfere with the skate-able surfaces.

"We're going to put in a number of these wrought-iron gates and lock them up at night so people can't sneak into corners and hide," Reichardt said. "Effectively

the only place you will be able to be standing will be skateboarding or on the top of the platform."

The park also has a number of cameras monitoring the area, footage that Reichardt said can aid police in investigations.

He added that although the park is a free-for-all, there's still social responsibility to look out for trouble, and any skaters who see suspicious behaviour are encouraged to report incidents.

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Video won't intimidate us: Somali community leader

Members of Edmonton's Somali community say there is no cause for panic after a video urging extremists to target West Edmonton Mall.

Bashir Ahmed, executive director of the Somali Canadian Education and Rural

Development Organization in the city, said this type of propaganda is not new to the community.

"This doesn't (cause) us to panic," he said. "We've been seeing this type of video, propaganda, used by the al-Shabab (group), so it

will never intimidate our nation as a whole and particularly our community."

Ahmed said that while al-Shabab is based in Somalia, they're not all Somali and don't represent the community in Edmonton.

The community plans on

working with law enforcement any way they can to help, he added.

"We are very close ... with the police, not only local police but the RCMP," he said. "We share any information we can here or overseas. We have an open

relationship."

Farah Hussien, who works at the Sahaba Mosque, said he hasn't heard much from the community since the video was released.

"Those people are not our people," he said.

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Home of dead infant had high insecticide levels

Investigators say the death of a baby and the hospitalization of four other children are linked to high levels of an insecticide found in the family's northern Alberta apartment.

Brad Grainger, deputy chief of operations for the Fort McMurray fire department, said the family brought the insecticide, which is similar to aluminum phosphide pellets used in North America, home from Pakistan, where they were on vacation about 10 days ago.

The pellets, when put into a fumigator, emit a phosphine gas, which can be toxic.

"We're not sure how long the family was exposed," Grainger said. "The younger that you are, the more susceptible you can be."

One of the children, an eight-month-old baby, died in hospital and four others were in critical condition Monday. Ages and names were not released.

Grainger didn't say what type of insect the family was trying to kill, but the Edmonton Journal quoted a relative who said it was bedbugs.

Grainger said that type of insecticide is a controlled substance in Canada.

He said an acceptable level of exposure is one part per million over 15 minutes or 0.3 parts per million over eight hours.

One room in the apartment had concentrated levels of the insecticide at four parts per million.

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Budget woes raise fears Athabasca U will be lost

Education. President confident in future of school despite 'imposing challenges'



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Alberta-based Athabasca University is facing a multimillion-dollar budget hole, but the institution's president believes students will continue to be able to log in and learn in the years ahead.

Even if Campus Alberta grants for the school come in at the same level it did last year, Athabasca — the only English-speaking institution in Canada devoted solely to distance-learning — would be about \$4 million short, or about three per cent of its total operating costs.

But that's a big if, concedes president Peter MacKinnon, as the province has warned of a nine per cent total reduction in departmental spending and peer universities have begun preparing for cuts of five per cent or more.

"It isn't going to be an easy

thing to do, but I believe this university has, potentially, a terrific future," MacKinnon said Monday when asked about closing the budgetary gap. "It's a wonderful legacy, it's been around for 50 years. It has made possible the educational dreams of large numbers of people. I think we'll be doing that in the years to come."

Athabasca's distance — or online — learning approach allows many students to take upgrading courses or simply an offering not provided at their current school — about 77 per cent the university's 40,000 students fall into that category and the rest are pursuing actual degrees.

The financial picture painted by MacKinnon was less dire than one he wrote about in November that warned of a shortfall of "at least \$12 million."

MacKinnon said, however, information about the school's finances has become more clear as time has progressed.

Still, faculty members like Ingo Schmidt can't shake a feeling of impending doom. Athabasca has already cut more than 60 staff positions in recent years and Schmidt said



Distance-learning students and staff alike at Athabasca University fear the fallout of financial troubles, but the school's president said he believes the coming storm can be weathered. METRO FILE

morale is very low.

"I'm not aware of anybody at AU that's not worried about its future," said Schmidt, who serves as academic co-ordinator of the school's labour studies program, who works from his home in Vancouver.

A "staff pulse survey" conducted in the fall, a copy of

which was leaked to Metro, found just 35 per cent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed when asked if the school had a "strong feeling of team spirit."

Staff confidence also appears to decline as their terms with Athabasca progress in years. Nearly 57 per cent of

members that had been with the university less than two years had confidence in the senior leadership, but that number shrank to 18 per cent among staff with the school for between 10 and 20 years, and was less than 10 per cent for those employed longer than 20 years.

Study making 'diagnostic odysseys' a thing of the past



Enzo O'Neill has spent his whole life battling an unknown disease, but with the help of a new study, his family is one step closer to understanding his condition. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Enzo O'Neill has made 684 trips to the hospital, facing invasive tests and life-threatening surgeries — and he's only a toddler.

The two-year-old suffers from a genetic heart defect that stops his breathing multiple times per week. After hundreds of tests, doctors had no diagnosis, and his mother, Rachael O'Neill, said it felt like looking for a "needle in a million haystacks."

Hoping to finally reach a diagnosis, Enzo was enrolled in a research study at the Alberta Children's Hospital. Through new sequencing technology, researchers were able to run Enzo's genes against every single genetic disorder known to science — and they did it in just one test.

Up until now, each genetic disorder required its own test, meaning that each of the three million

Canadians facing a rare disease needed 4,800 tests to account for every possibility.

"Families would describe it as their 'diagnostic odysseys,'" said Dr. Francois Bernier, lead investigator of the study, adding that he's seen families spend 10 to 20 years waiting for a diagnosis that never came.

Enzo underwent the test in November of last year, and within three weeks

they were able to rule out a range of possible disorders that plagued O'Neill's mind. Enzo is now a candidate for life-saving open-heart surgery.

"It's an incredibly powerful thing to have an answer," said O'Neill. "It's such a relief knowing that we can now start to fight for Enzo. It gave us more hope."

Bernier said the research should be complete by 2017. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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Shooting victim remembered as fatherly brother, positive friend

Crime. 30-year-old was killed outside his Winston Heights home Sunday following 'a confrontation': Police



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After dedicating so much of his youth to his four younger siblings following the death of their father at a young age, Jaime Orellana moved to Calgary last spring to start building a new life for himself.

But that life was cut short Sunday afternoon when the 30-year-old was shot and killed outside his new Winston Heights home, where he was just beginning to settle in.

His younger sister Gabriella, 18, still can't believe he's gone. "His passing is still so surreal to me," she said Monday from her home in St. Catharines, Ont. "I still expect to wake up and it all be one big dream. My heart aches constantly."

Gabriella was just 11

months old when her father died and said the responsibility fell to her oldest brother, who "quickly had to become the man of the house" and started taking on a new role in the family.

"Jaime had to grow up that day; he had no choice," she said. "But I truly believe that's not something he regrets. It may have scared him, but I think he was ready for it."

Jaime worked as a carpenter and produced music under the name "Mr. Acres."

His friend, Tristan Amison, a Vancouver-based hip-hop artist who goes by the name Sikadime, said Jaime had been "on top of the world" as of late and it was reflected in his music.

"He was like, 'I got this new energy being out here,'" Amison said, recalling a night last summer when he stayed at Jaime's new place in Calgary on his way to Vancouver, and they spent the night on a nearby ridge overlooking the city lights.

"We talked about life that night, positive stuff," Amison said. "He was just that type of guy — smile and see the posi-



Jaime (Acres) Orellana was the oldest of five siblings whose father died 17 years ago. He moved to Calgary last spring and became the city's sixth homicide victim of 2015 when he was shot on Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

tive in everything."

Tributes from fellow artists across Canada poured in on Twitter Monday with the hashtag #Acres4Ever.

Calgary police announced first-degree murder charges

Monday against Alan Devon Bird, 20, the Calgary man they arrested shortly after the shooting.

Police spokesman Kevin Brookwell said Bird knew a "third party" who lived in the

other side of the duplex that Jaime called home, and there was "a confrontation" between the victim and the accused before the fatal gunshots.

One thing Gabriella said she'll never forget about Jaime

Quoted

"My brother was going to walk me down the aisle one day.... He was going to be an uncle to my children, and he was going to teach them everything he taught me."

Gabriella Orellana

is how "he appreciated every little thing" she and her other siblings did.

"I showed him a simple drawing of a flower I did, and he made it seem like Picasso was an amateur compared to me," she said. "He would constantly say to me, 'You and (sister) Mayra make me so proud, two women with such strong heads on their shoulders.... You two can achieve anything.'"

The family set up a GoFundMe account Monday to help cover costs of bringing Jaime's body home to St. Catharines and for his funeral service. Within two hours, it had raised more than \$5,700 in donations.

Suspect in fatal explosion wanted to 'cut his losses': Crown

A jury must decide whether a financial adviser is wrongly accused of murdering his disabled client, or a calculating killer who built a bomb, disguised it as a Christmas present and left it on the doorstep of her central Alberta home.

Closing arguments were heard Monday in the trial

of Brian Malley, 57, who has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and explosives charges.

Crown prosecutor Anders Quist alleged Malley lost all of Victoria Shachtay's money, resorted to paying her out of his own pocket and wanted the woman dead to "cut his losses."

Defence lawyer Bob Aloneissi told the jury that motive doesn't make sense.

"There's an easier way to cut your losses — you just stop paying," he said.

"Mr. Malley is being prosecuted because he cares for people, in this case, a single mom in a wheelchair."

Shachtay was paralyzed in



Victoria Shachtay
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a car crash in 2004, when she was 16 and pregnant. Court heard she received a \$575,000 court settlement in 2007 and turned to Malley, a family friend, to

help her invest the money. She also borrowed another \$264,000 to bump up the fund.

By April 2011, it was nearly all gone.

Court heard Shachtay later phoned Malley's office and sounded surprised to learn her account had been closed.

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Bomb left on doorstep

On Nov. 25, 2011, a gift bag was delivered to Shachtay's door in Innisfail. Her caregiver brought the package inside and Shachtay opened it in the kitchen. The 23-year-old was killed instantly.



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Motion to suspend public art dead before arrival

City program. Councillor calls backlash against reconsideration 'ironic'



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After days of emotionally charged discussion, a high-profile motion to suspend Calgary's Public Art Program was

summarily killed by councillors Monday before it even had a chance to be debated.

Coun. Peter Demong's motion, according to the city's procedure rules, first required a "reconsideration motion," as his call to suspend funds for 2015 would involve council altering a budgetary decision it had already made last November.

Reconsideration motions require a two-thirds majority,

which in this case would be 10 out of 14 votes on council, as Coun. Ward Sutherland was absent.

It didn't come close.

The reconsideration was defeated by a 9-5 vote, with Couns. Demong, Sean Chu, Joe Magliocca, Shane Keating and Jim Stevenson on the losing side. With that, Demong's motion also died.

Demong said he's been disappointed at the negative back-

lash he's experienced since his motion was made public last week, something he described as "quite ironic" given that public art is often lauded for its "controversial nature."

"Love or hate a specific piece, at least it's talked about," Demong said. "And here I have, for the last week, been vilified and denounced for simply bringing an idea forward — love it or hate it — to at least talk about."



River Passage in Pearce Estate Park is one of the city's newer pieces of public art. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

Roads. Spending on snow and ice control in 2015 so far half that of last year

Calgary spent about half as much on snow and ice control in the first month-and-a-half of 2015 as compared to last year, when the city saw record-setting snowfalls.

A total of \$9.4 million was spent between Jan. 1 and Feb. 14, according to city roads spokeswoman Jessica Bell, compared to \$18.7 million during the same period in 2014.

Last January, with large volumes of snow stranding some residents in their homes, the city opted to start doing snow removal, which Bell noted was "unprecedented at the time."

"Snow removal is quite costly, compared to flat-blading and putting down material, which is what we normally do in residential areas," she said.

"The snow removal accounts for the extra spending."

Mac Logan, the city's transportation general manager, said the relatively mild winter so far should actually

Calgary's snowiest month

Mac Logan, the city's transportation general manager, cautioned that there's plenty of winter ahead and "March is the snowiest month of the year."

lead to even more savings down the road, as some of the costs are front-loaded.

"While we haven't been spreading as much salt and grit on the road, we did still buy that material," Logan told city council Monday.

"So, if we continue to have a mild winter, our stockpiles will be in better shape later on in the year, so we will be able to realize the savings later in the year."

The city has also spent "significantly" less on overtime for city snow-clearing crews and even reassigned them to other duties while it's been so warm, Logan added.

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There's been a lot less snow on Calgary roads in 2015 than the year before.

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Marijuana. Five charged over multi-million grow-op

Five people from Calgary have been charged in connection with a multi-million-dollar marijuana grow op at a rural property in Olds that was broken up by RCMP earlier this month.

The home was an approved medicinal marijuana grow-op site, police said, but the number of plants "grossly exceeded" the licence.

On Monday, RCMP announced that Xiang Wu, 45, Huy Kham Lanh, 29, Juan Yant, 42, Kham Tu Lanh, 58, and Xiurong Ye, 43, have each been charged with numerous offences.

The charges include possession of more than three kilograms of marijuana for

the purpose of trafficking, unlawful production of a controlled substance, and possession of the proceeds of crime over \$5,000.

Officers with the Olds RCMP and Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) raided the grow op in a rural home on Feb. 12. It contained 2,000 plants, valued at \$2.5 million, according to police.

Four children were in the home when police raided it and Alberta Child and Family Services officials assisted in the operation. All five people charged have been released from custody and are set to appear in court on March 23 in Didsbury. **METRO**

Health

Province responds to examiner's suit

The Alberta government's response to a lawsuit filed by its former chief medical officer calls her "obstructionist, confrontational and disrespectful."

"(Dr. Anny Sauvageau) was either unwilling or unable to function properly as a responsible chief medical examiner," reads the statement of defence.

Sauvageau filed a wrongful-dismissal suit earlier this month. She claims her contract was not renewed because she flagged concerns about political interference in her department related to the province's contract to pick up and transport bodies.

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Politics

Alberta Party names Cochrane new president

A familiar face in Calgary was named the president of the Alberta Party.

Pat Cochrane will take the reins of the upstart party, which currently lacks a sitting MLA but has recently made waves with calls for a merger with the Alberta Liberals.

The party elected a new board of directors at its general meeting over the weekend and Cochrane was chosen to help that group.

"This weekend was a turning point for our party and I hope for our province," said Alberta Party leader Greg Clark in a statement. **METRO**



Cathy Faber, superintendent of learning innovation for the CBE, said the Energy and Environmental Innovation course at Lord Shaughnessy High School, where she is seen in this photo, is one example of the hands-on approach offered to students at the school. **METRO FILE**

Environment course a 'real' experience for students

Education. Lord Shaughnessy High School hopes to offer prime hands-on learning for young Canadians

Quoted

"When I started teaching, my goal was to make it real for students. It doesn't matter if it's hard or messy, they love being part of something real."

Adam Robb, instructor of Lord Shaughnessy's Energy and Environmental Innovation course



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In Adam Robb's class, you can grow your own garden, raise rainbow trout and release them into the wild, or develop a presentation for an international panel of oil-industry experts.

And all that came after just one semester.

The course, officially titled Energy and Environmental Innovation, is offered at Lord Shaughnessy High School, the Calgary Board of Education's first centre focused solely on career-and-technology studies.

Students take their core classes elsewhere and then go to Shaughnessy, you might say,

to get their hands dirty.

Especially in Robb's class, the origins of which can be traced back to unimaginative lectures from his own schooling.

"I experienced it in high school and took it to heart," he said. "You're sitting there all day and you're turned off and you're simply memorizing something to put on a test at the end of the year."

"Immediately, when I started teaching, my goal was to make it real for the students," he added. "It doesn't matter if it's hard or messy, they love being part of something real."

Last semester, Robb took a group of his students to Jasper — 80 per cent of them had never been up close and

personal with the Rocky Mountains.

"They'd never made a campfire, never been in a canoe," he said. "These are quintessential Canadian experiences and they love it."

Up to 15 credits can be earned in the energy and environmental innovation course. The learning is self-directed, and students will work to develop their own environmental policy or a sustainability project. One student in Robb's class recently led a study on the impacts of invasive fish species, while another with special needs tended to a lush garden.

There's also integration with other courses at Shaughnessy as an "edible living wall" in Robb's class produces many

of the herbs used by culinary students at the centre.

Cathy Faber, superintendent of learning innovation for the CBE, said Shaughnessy's "pathway approach" gives students the chance to delve deeper into particular areas of interests and then tie those back to their core-subject learning.

"It starts to build some authenticity — hands on, get some dirt under your fingernails — (and then) see if this is something that helps make more sense of math, make more sense of geography or anthropology or culture . . . they have courses they can pick and choose from that don't just fall under one umbrella," she said.

Robb, meanwhile, envisions potential benefits from his course for Alberta as a whole.

"I see how engaged kids are with this kind of stuff and I also see we're a resource-based province," he said. "We're going to be facing some real resource-based issues now and in the future. The more students are exposed to this, the better."



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To: **DON TROTCHIE**

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Propaganda definition too broad in terror bill: Experts

A federal proposal to scrub terrorist propaganda from the Internet risks the deletion of speech that has no ties to violent threats, says a new analysis.

The definition of propaganda in the government anti-terrorism bill is dangerously broad, law professors Craig Forcese and Kent Roach say in their paper.

The bill, introduced late last month, proposes giving the RCMP power to seek a judge's order to remove terrorist propaganda from websites.

Forcese, of the University of Ottawa, and Roach, who teaches at the University of Toronto, say while they support the

idea in principle, it should be rooted in actual or threatened violence.

Conservatives brought in the bill — which would also significantly expand the powers of Canada's spy agency — following the daylight murders of two Canadian soldiers last October.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service would become an agency that tries to derail terror plots, not just one that collects and analyzes information.

The bill would create a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terror attack. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Greyhound killing

Group home suggested for man who beheaded bus passenger

Experts are recommending a man who beheaded a fellow passenger aboard a Greyhound bus should be

transferred from a mental facility to a Winnipeg hospital with an eye to moving him to a community group home. Vince Li's psychiatrist, Dr. Steven Kremer, told a Criminal Code board review hearing that Li has shown improvement and is at low risk to reoffend. Other doctors came to the same conclusion, the board heard. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Roundtable set to address missing, murdered women

Aboriginal issues. Groups and activists still pushing for inquiry

Every year on April 29, Sue Martin marks her daughter Terrie's death by holding a vigil, in which she invites family members over to pray and share stories about loved ones.

Terrie was 24 when she was murdered in her Calgary home in 2002 while her children were in their rooms. She had been severely beaten, but to this day no one has been charged for the crime.

Martin believes there needs to be tougher laws and more police resources to deal with killings involving aboriginal women like her daughter.

"We need more education for our women and more safe places for our women to go," Martin said, referring to shelters for aboriginal women.

Those are some of the things Martin wants to see come out



Sue Martin, centre, takes part in a candlelight vigil on Parliament Hill in 2009 to honour missing and murdered aboriginal women. Martin's daughter was killed in Calgary in 2002, and no one has been charged. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of Friday's roundtable in Ottawa on missing and murdered aboriginal women. The roundtable will bring together representatives from the provinces and territories, national aboriginal groups and the federal government. Two delegates from each group will be at the table.

The aboriginal groups attending include the Assembly of First Nations, the Congress

of Aboriginal Peoples and the Native Women's Association of Canada. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt and Status of Women Minister Kelie Leitch have also said they'll be participating. The roundtable is being held amid repeated calls for a broader national inquiry.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government is instead

devoting \$5 million a year for five years toward an "action plan" to end violence against aboriginal women and says a national missing-persons DNA index will also help address the problems.

Dawn Harvard, interim president of the Native Women's Association of Canada, noted that provincial leaders such as Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne understand the missing and murdered aboriginal women's issue is "a crisis," even though the federal government doesn't see things that way.

Last May, the RCMP released a report that found between 1980 and 2012 there were 1,181 police-recorded incidents involving missing aboriginal females and homicides of aboriginal females.

The roundtable will address key themes, including prevention and awareness, police and justice-system responses and "community safety plans and protocols." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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U.S., Iran talk nuclear

Tehran. Iranian officials say they don't want arms, just enrichment for energy, medical and scientific purposes

Edging toward a historic compromise, the U.S. and Iran reported progress Monday on a deal that would clamp down on Tehran's nuclear activities for at least 10 years but then slowly ease restrictions on programs that could be used to make atomic arms.

Officials said there were still obstacles to overcome before a March 31 deadline, and any deal will face harsh opposition in both countries. It also would be sure to further strain already-tense U.S. relations with Israel, whose leaders oppose any agreement that doesn't end Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to strongly criticize the deal

in an address before Congress next week.

Still, a comprehensive pact could ease 35 years of U.S.-Iranian enmity — and seems within reach for the first time in more than a decade of negotiations.

"We made progress," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said as he bade farewell to members of the American delegation at the table with Iran. More discussions between Iran and the six nations engaging it were set for next Monday, a senior U.S. official said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said the sides found "a better understanding" at the negotiating table.

Western officials familiar with the talks cited movement but also described the discussions as a moving target, meaning changes in any one area would have repercussions for other parts of the negotiation.

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Sinkhole in Naples, Italy forces 380 to evacuate

This photo taken Sunday shows a view from above of the chasm that opened Saturday and enlarged in the night, forcing the evacuation of about 380 people in the Pianura district of Naples, Italy.

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Missing. Three U.K. girls possibly headed to Syria

Turkish police searched Monday for three missing British schoolgirls believed to be headed to Syria to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) extremist group as their frightened families issued urgent pleas begging the girls to return home.

The girls, said to be "straight-A students" from the same east London school, disappeared last Tuesday without leaving any messages. Authorities said they

boarded a Turkish Airlines plane to Istanbul.

The relatives of Shamima Begum and Amira Abase, both 15, and Kadiza Sultana, 16, broke down in tears as they spoke of their fears on TV.

"We miss you. We cannot stop crying," said Abase Hussein, Amira's father, clutching a teddy bear Amira gave to her mother on Mother's Day. "Please think twice. Don't go to Syria." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France. Six barred from travel to join extremists

France has barred six people from leaving the country because they wanted to join extremists in Syria, the first such travel ban under a new law aimed at keeping French radicals from gaining violent experience abroad.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve says some 40 others will face travel bans in the coming weeks. He did

not name the six.

The bans issued Monday are the first since a sweeping anti-terrorism law passed last year. The government is especially worried since attacks in Paris last month killed 20 people, including three gunmen claiming ties to Islamic extremists in Syria and Yemen.

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Molly Maid president Kevin Hipkins (not pictured) says tech-based 'disruptive' companies like Handy, Homejoy or TaskRabbit are merely ways to evade taxes — getting around the employer-employee rule by calling their workers subcontractors. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New sharing firms make for 'cheats'

Underground economy. Tech companies like Uber are emerging in other sectors such as cleaning services

The sharing economy might be getting lots of buzz, but Kevin Hipkins thinks it's just creating "a culture of tax cheats."

Hipkins, president of Molly Maid, a Mississauga, Ont.-based cleaning-services company, says these new "disruptive" tech companies like Handy and Homejoy, funded through the deep pockets of venture capital, are not playing by the rules.

Because these companies consider the cleaner, handyman or furniture assembler to be independent contractors, they're not employees and therefore not subject to significant employer contributions for items such as

employment insurance or Canada Pension Plan.

Molly Maid, with about 1,200 employees operating in all provinces except Quebec, ends up at a disadvantage when it comes to its profit model compared to these new companies, Hipkins said.

He concedes that cleaning services and cleaners have long represented a huge chunk of the underground economy — some estimates peg it at more than \$3 billion a year in Canada.

Hipkins believes there's a difference when it's a small under-the-table arrangement between a client and individual cleaner, versus a large U.S. company with millions in market capitalization.

Handy, which launched in Toronto last April and in Vancouver in June, says it is absolutely not evading taxes.

"Handy aims to be compliant with all local laws, irrespective of jurisdiction," the company said in an email, arguing the Handy model allows professionals to choose their hours, work and schedule.

Homejoy, a California-based company, was operating in Toronto but suspended service there late last year. It did not respond to a request for comment.

"Taxation is a moral responsibility.... I think we are creating a culture of tax cheats."

Kevin Hipkins, president of Molly Maid

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Keeping transit riders in the dark about why delays are happening just makes everything worse



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Like the weather, the shortcomings of Calgary Transit often pass for small talk in our fair city.

As a lifelong Calgary Transit user, I see the good and the bad. I usually get where I need to without delay or disruption. However, it's human nature to remember the negative, and instances of delays or disruptions stand out more in my mind when there is a lack of information.

Information is power. Imagine power to the commuters!

Recently Calgary Transit began providing real-time arrival information for its buses. At the start it was unreliable. One day I was waiting for a bus downtown. One bus was already missing and another was supposedly due in 10 minutes. Twitter had no information, so I checked the mobile site for the real-time information. It indicated the next bus would arrive on time. It didn't. I tweeted Calgary Transit and they responded with the same information available on the mobile site. Again the bus didn't arrive. My frustration mounted with the lack of communication and incorrect information. It had been a bad day already, and because I could afford it, I gave up and got a taxi — which isn't always an option for many Calgarians needing to get from point A to point B.

We all understand that buses get stuck in traffic or have mechanical problems. We're less likely to be miffed with Calgary Transit if we're aware of the situation and have an idea of how long until it's resolved.



Sure, Calgary Transit has information available, but is it always timely and relevant? More communication gives more power to the riders.

Ultimately, some may decide to forego Calgary Transit if, in the case of missing buses, no reliable information is available. Worse yet, repeated unreliable information may inspire some to opt out of public transit altogether. Transit overseers need to realize that we, as commuters,

understand that there are problems. But accurate and timely information makes these occasions much less frustrating, arms riders with the freedom to choose alternate ways of getting to their destination and gives them a chance to alert people waiting for them that they'll be late.

Improved communication must of course include Twitter but should also be consistent across all other channels (station displays, website, mobile site and text and email alerts). Often information available on Twitter isn't communicated as timely on platforms or in trains, and email

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notifications sometimes arrive after a situation has been resolved.

Beyond the day-to-day, Calgary Transit can use its communication channels to better inform customers of what it's doing to address reliability problems. For example, it seems there have been a lot of recent delays due to mechanical problems. Imagine if Calgary Transit communicated the reasons for these and what's being done to address the issues and improve overall reliability.

Calgary Transit is both a public good and a service organization. It serves a potential million-person customer base — all of whom have the option to choose transit ... or not.

By making people's experience as positive as possible, in part by giving timely and accurate information, Calgary Transit increases the likelihood that commuters will choose public transit when making their travel choices.

Who knows: with increased goodwill — and an honest effort to improve things — it may even garner additional rider support for funding boosts and an occasional uptick in fares.

Kimberly Jones has lived in Calgary for 35 years. She is a transportation advocate, particularly interested in walking and public transit, and studies urban issues and planning.

When it comes to Gay-Straight Alliances, language matters



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Language is important when discussing sexuality — and in a situation where we're trying to promote openness, being vague with the name of Gay-Straight Alliance clubs could backfire.

There have been a lot of conversations about GSAs in schools. Should they be mandatory, can schools opt out of them and why are they necessary? Most recently, debate sprung up about what they should be called, with some schools in Alberta advocating for

the term "diversity clubs."

Dropping terms such as gay, bisexual and lesbian further alienates an already marginalized group of teens by reinforcing the idea that different sexual orientations are something of which to be ashamed.

Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) have existed in North America since 1989 and are instrumental in creating a safer school environment. The clubs work specifically with LGBTQ youth, their allies and supportive teachers to create a safer space for teens, offering advocacy, support or education and awareness.

GSAs generally follow a guide-

line, and there have been tool kits developed on what makes a GSA.

Decades of research and practice have given schools a recipe for ensuring a GSA can impact school culture in a positive way for all students.

It is critical that GSAs exist as a separate club devoted to LGBTQ culture. If we were to call these groups "diversity" clubs — a term that is vague and could suggest diversity of gender, ethnicity or ability — we'd be overlooking the unique experiences of what it means to be an LGBTQ youth.

And those experiences are indeed unique. In 2009, a Canadian

study by the human-rights charity Egale found that three-quarters of LGB students and 95 per cent of transgender students felt unsafe at school, compared to only 20 per cent of straight students.

GSAs have been instrumental in improving those numbers for LGBTQ teens. Research shows that the existence of GSAs in schools reduces the fear of discrimination among LGBTQ students, that there is less homophobic language in school hallways. More LGBTQ youth in GSA schools report knowing a teacher with whom they can talk safely.

Because these clubs are so im-

portant in promoting a feeling of inclusiveness for LGBTQ teens and in promoting a sense of dialogue and understanding within the school community, we need to take them seriously.

We need to focus on building acceptance and not simply settling for tolerance in our communities. Building safe communities for LGBTQ youth through healthy, open and honest Gay-Straight Alliance clubs is an important place to start. Beginning with their names. Because language matters.

Pam Krause is the president and CEO of the Calgary Sexual Health Centre

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Gisele Bündchen is reportedly not happy about husband Tom Brady's plans to get into acting, as she wants him all to herself. GETTY IMAGES

Gisele's not ready to let Hollywood have Tom

Hey Tom Brady, you were just named the NFL's Super Bowl MVP. What are you going to do now? Head for Hollywood, apparently. According to the fine, reputable folks at Star magazine, Brady is reportedly mulling over an acting career once he retires from football

because why not? "At 37, Tom knows he only has a few seasons left before retirement. He's thinking ahead and believes he could become a huge movie star," a source says. "He's used to being a superstar. After winning the Super Bowl again, he's thinking about new

challenges outside of football." Only one problem, though. His wife, Gisele Bündchen, is said to be not so hot on the idea, if only because of him potentially spending time on screen with attractive female co-stars. But let's not get ahead of ourselves, right?

Kylie and Tyga are more off than on

Tough breaks for Kylie Jenner. The 17-year-old reality personality has been "crying all week" over the state of her relationship with 25-year-old rapper Tyga, according to Radar Online. "She is afraid that Tyga is going to break up with her," a source explains.

And with good reason, I'd imagine, since Tyga himself said they aren't dating. And he's apparently been getting pressure from his management team to keep his distance from Jenner, which may or may not have something to do with the stink Amber Rose was raising about

the pairing last week. "Tyga's advisers have told him to not be spotted out in public with Kylie doing anything romantic, including holding hands, or kissing," the source says.

"Tyga has tried to reassure Kylie that they are solid, but she has her doubts." And now I'm off to feel terrible about myself for spending this much time focusing on the dating life of a 17-year-old. Toodles!



Kylie Jenner
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Duff's divorce is proceeding at a snail's pace

Hilary Duff has finally filed for divorce from hockey player Mike Comrie a year after they initially announced their separation. And if that doesn't seem like a long enough time to get the paperwork in order, on the filing itself Duff lists their actual date of separation as January 2013, according to TMZ. But hey, you have to be methodical in these things, right? Duff cites the old standby, "irreconcilable differences," for the split, and she's looking to make sure he doesn't get any piece of her finances or earnings, since they reportedly have a prenup.

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Best breakup-inspired albums

On March 16, Björk will release the physical version of *Vulnicura*, the album that leaked to the Internet in late January and became available on iTunes shortly thereafter. In nine new tracks, the Icelandic artist explores the consequences of the end of a relationship — specifically, hers with contemporary artist Matthew Barney. To mark the occasion, here's a selection of some of the most notable breakup-inspired albums from recent music history. **AFP**

The Visitors by Abba

Even in the land of Abba, with its peppy beats and optimistic lyrics, breaking up is hard to do. The *Visitors*, released in 1981, is the band's eighth and final album, and the one that represents the collapse of the group. Benny and Frida had already announced their divorce when the band went into the studio, as had Agnetha and Björn. The breakup theme underscores the entire record and is particularly obvious in the track *When All Is Said and Done*.



Blood on the Tracks by Bob Dylan

Dylan wrote this album, released in 1975, after the breakdown of his marriage to Sara Lownds, his companion of a decade. While the divorce sent the singer-songwriter into a deep depression, it was arguably instrumental in bringing the world such classics as *Tangled Up in Blue* and *You're Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go*.

21 by Adele

No one likes to hear it when they're going through it, but sometimes a breakup is a blessing in disguise. For proof, look no further than Adele, who wrote her second album, *21*, after parting ways with her companion at the time. Who can say whether the separation was inevitable, but at any rate, the young singer's career skyrocketed after she became single. The album sold over 20 million copies worldwide and scored a few Grammy Awards, and Adele even went on to pick up an Oscar in the following year for her contribution to the *Skyfall* soundtrack.



For Emma, Forever Ago by Bon Iver

In 2007, a certain Emma left her boyfriend Justin Vernon, who decided to mend his broken heart in a cabin in the woods of Wisconsin. Three months later, he returned to civilization with his new music project, Bon Iver, and an album with nine tear-jerking tracks. For Emma, *Forever Ago* quickly found favour with indie music critics, and the track *Skinny Love* went on to reach an even larger audience thanks to a cover by singer Birdy.

Life is Good by Nas

"I was your Johnny Depp, you was my Janis Joplin," Nas raps on *Bye Baby*, a track from his 2012 album *Life Is Good*. The couplet is addressed to the rapper's ex-wife, the R&B singer Kelis, who had filed for divorce a few years earlier while pregnant. On the album cover, Nas holds her wedding dress across his lap and wears a dissatisfied expression, suggesting that life is not actually so good after all.



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Followup

Lorde to start work on second album

In a visit to Australian radio station Triple J, Lorde collaborator Joel Little revealed the pop singer is set to return to the studio next month to work on the followup to *Pure Heroine*.

A fellow New Zealander, Little was heavily involved with writing and producing Lorde's debut 2013 album, and the two have continued to collaborate since. They earned a Grammy Award for Song of the Year for the *Pure Heroine* single *Royals*.

When asked how soon a second album might be expected, Little answered: "Really soon. Within the next month or so we'll be in the studio." **AFP**

Lorde
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Sleater-Kinney makes a surprise comeback

Earlier this month, when the three members of Sleater-Kinney took the stage together for their first full show in almost a decade, singer and guitarist Corin Tucker felt overwhelmed.

"The physicality of it was very intense," she says. "It's a very physical thing to do Sleater-Kinney." The band, which also consists of guitarist and singer Carrie Brownstein and drummer Janet Weiss, went on hiatus after their 2005 album, *The Woods*. Tucker concentrated on family life and a solo project called The Corin Tucker Band while Brownstein and Weiss played in the band Wild Flag. We talked to Tucker about the decision to revive the iconic band. They make a tour stop in Toronto in March, and in Vancouver in May.

Tell me about the secrecy involved in this reunion. We weren't that secretive about it. We would tell people what was going on, when asked, and it was a "just between you and me, this is what's going on" thing, so we told probably about 200 people, including Sub Pop, everybody there



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knew for a while what was going on. It's surprising to me that it didn't get out more than it did.

One of the most riveting things to watch onstage with Sleater-Kinney was always the almost telepathic communication between band members.

Yeah, I mean, there definitely is that chemistry, and I think just in the four shows that we've done, there's already been a lot of that going on. I think the first show was almost like a little bit shocking to be a band again, in a good way! It definitely felt like we were experiencing a resurrection.

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Skin care from the inside out

Besides treating your skin gently by taking shorter showers and moisturizing, you could be doing more to keep it looking and feeling healthy during winter and beyond. Cut out as much sugar as possible because it makes you age faster by interfering with collagen production. Keep green tea handy since it's packed with catechins that boost blood flow. And add these foods to keep your cheeks rosy.

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Dark chocolate

Is there anything cocoa can't cure? Opt for dark chocolate that's at least 70 per cent cacao — a German study found that the high concentration of flavanols helps thicken skin and boost hydration.



Olive oil



Whether it's the polyphenols keeping free radicals at bay or monounsaturated fatty acids lubricating skin from the inside out, a 2012 study found that women who ate more than two teaspoons a day showed 30 per cent fewer signs of aging. Look for the cold-pressed and extra virgin kind, which doesn't lose nutrients during processing.

Sardines

Give these little fish a try. Their omega-3 content is similar to salmon, and those healthy fatty acids are working to keep skin supple by supporting elasticity.



Fill your basket with these foods to incorporate into a skin-care routine. ISTOCK

Kiwi

They're packed with nearly twice as much vitamin C, pound for pound, as oranges, a vitamin that boosts collagen production, firms your skin and reduces dryness.



Sunflower seeds

A teaspoonful on your salad is enough to get about a third of your daily vitamin E (which should already be part of your skin care routine). It also has zinc. Both nutrients strengthen cell membranes for a smoother complexion.



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Take comfort in low-cal cabbage rolls

Casseroles. This is one recipe where cutting corners yields some great results

Comfort food casseroles used to take too much time and cost too much in terms of calories, but with a few smart shortcuts, they can be your weeknight secret.

In these rolls, I used PC instant brown rice, which saved me 40 minutes and layered the cabbage rather than roll each individual one.

Directions

1. Bring broth and water to boil in a very large pot. Cut core from cabbage centre and drop, cut part facing down into broth. Allow the liquid to return to the boil to loosen and soften leaves.

2. Remove cabbage from liquid and peel off 12 large leaves of cabbage.

3. Add rice to the broth, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir



This recipe serves 10. TERESA ALBERT

in Italian seasoning and garlic powder. Empty into a large bowl and set aside.

4. In the same pot, cook grated onions and carrots in a little oil until soft and add to rice bowl.

5. Use the same pot to cook

ground beef in 1/2 cup water until fully boiling and cooked through.

Pour off all water and fat through strainer and add to the rice pot. Next, add half a jar of tomato sauce to the rice.

6. Roll cabbage leaves lengthwise and cut across the grain

Ingredients

- 2 cups beef broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 head Savoy cabbage
- 2 cups instant brown rice
- 1 tbsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 onions, grated
- 2 carrots, grated
- 1 tsp grapeseed oil
- 1 lb ground beef medium
- 1 jar tomato sauce

to make strips and lay half into the bottom of a casserole dish.

7. Top with rice and beef mixture. Top with remaining chopped cabbage leaves and remaining tomato sauce.

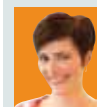
(Can be stored in the fridge up to 2 days at this stage).

8. Cover with foil and bake 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

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Health check

Learn about what's on those labels



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Was your New Year's resolution to read labels more vigilantly? Didn't think so, but it could be one key thing standing between you and your health. Studies show that knowing which package is better for you does influence your purchase. Of course, if you are buying fresh fruits and vegetables, you don't need a label because there isn't one thing in that section that is unhealthy. The

tricky bit is the time it takes to compare products while standing in the aisle. But there are shortcuts:

- Look only at the ingredient list. It should be very short and contain only whole foods
- The per cent daily value of sodium represents your maximum for the day, so each snack food should be less than 15 per cent per serving.
- The less sugar the better, no matter the source (including fruit!)

- Whole frozen meals should represent less than 500 calories per serving and you should be careful to only have the specified serving size. Be sure that you are filling at least half of every plate with items from the fresh produce aisle and you can't go wrong.

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Concussions

Montador left his brain for research

Before concussions were a hot-button topic in hockey, Steve Montador knew all about the impact of head injuries. Five years ago, while he was still playing in the NHL, Montador committed to donating his brain to future research.

Dr. Charles Tator of the University of Toronto told that story at Montador's memorial service Saturday in Mississauga, Ont. It's one final showing of generosity that many of his friends and former teammates didn't know about.

"He didn't know when it was going to be, but when it did happen he wanted to donate his brain," former Calgary Flames teammate and current assistant general manager Craig Conroy said. "That just tells you what kind of person he was. Obviously it's way too early, but if it helps someone else, that's what he was always about."

Montador died Feb. 15 at the age of 35, more than a year after lingering concussion symptoms forced him to leave his KHL team in Croatia. The defence-man didn't play professional hockey again.

His decision to donate his brain didn't surprise those close to him.

"He was very intellectual himself and looking for answers and trying to figure out what made things work and how to improve things," retired enforcer George Parros said. "And if he could donate his brain to figure out how to best treat concussions and things like that, then he would certainly do it." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Gaudreau swiftly claims the spotlight

Flames. Rookie winger growing into his NHL skin, grabbing all eyes in upcoming U.S. tour

The Calgary Flames' swing through the northeastern United States is a homecoming of sorts for Johnny Gaudreau. He left a Hobey Baker winner and returns a Calder Trophy candidate.

The 21-year-old's hometown of Carney's Point, N.J., is just 40 minutes southeast of Philadelphia.

Gaudreau concluded his college career at Boston College just over a year ago by winning the Hobey Baker Award, which goes to the top player in NCAA Division 1 men's hockey. The winger signed with the Flames the same day he was handed the trophy.

Philadelphia and Boston are the fourth and fifth stops on Calgary's seven-game road trip opening Tuesday in New York against the Rangers.

Gaudreau ranks second in NHL rookie scoring behind Nashville's Filip Forsberg with 15 goals and 29 assists in 58 games. He has "a ton" of friends and family along the Eastern Seaboard who want to see the freshman sensation they call their own.

"It's going to be an expensive trip," Gaudreau said before departing Calgary. "In Boston, I've got about 15, 20 people I think I've got to get tickets for."

"Most of the guys who ask for tickets are pretty good buddies. I spent the past three years with them at Boston College.



Though just 150 pounds, Johnny Gaudreau has been rapidly gaining minutes of ice time for the Flames. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

I'm excited to see them and have them come to one of my games.

"Philly, I have a ton of people come to that game. I couldn't tell you how many people. I grew up there so I have high-school friends and teachers who are coming to my games. Philly will be pretty special."

With his speed, quick hands and deft touch on the puck, Gaudreau has quickly become an NHL player who puts bottoms in seats. Just five-foot-nine and 150 pounds, he's been adding minutes since December.

Gaudreau has four assists in his last five games. A natural

hat trick late in a Dec. 22 game against the Los Angeles Kings both carried the Flames to an OT win and had hockey fans sitting up and taking notice.

After Gaudreau's first visit to Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, the Flames face the Devils on Wednesday and the Islanders on Friday before moving on to Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit and Ottawa next week.

While the Flames (32-23-4) scramble to stay in playoff contention, it's the first opportunity this season for the New York, Philadelphia and Boston hockey media to put their cameras and microphones in front

of their local hero.

"We're going to help him, but at the same time, Johnny knows what he's doing," Flames head coach Bob Hartley said. "He's had attention before. Obviously this is a different level, but it's all part of the process. We're not going to hide him. We don't hide anybody."

Gaudreau is prepared for the extra attention.

"Definitely going to be a little bit busier off the ice," he acknowledged. "I've been to Toronto, which is pretty big media. This is home. I'm just going to try to take it all in."

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Blue Jays catchers Russell Martin, left, and Dioner Navarro get ready for batting practice in Dunedin, Fla., on Monday.
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Jays' Navarro firm on trade request

MLB. Projected backup catcher remains polite and professional to open spring training

Catching the knuckleball

Manager John Gibbons said that Russell Martin will be given the chance to catch knuckleballer R.A. Dickey during the spring.

Toronto Blue Jays catcher Dioner Navarro, facing an uncertain future with the arrival of Russell Martin, confirmed Monday that he wants out.

The 31-year-old from Venezuela said he had asked the American League team for a trade back in November when Martin was signed to an \$82-million US, five-year contract.

Navarro says nothing has changed. He wants to go to a

team where he can play every day.

He says he holds no grudges and will work hard the whole spring, hoping an opportunity comes his way. But he acknowledged he was frustrated and a little disappointed that nothing has happened yet in terms of a new home.

"I don't know when did it go wrong, if anything did go

wrong," Navarro said of his time with Toronto. "I'm just going to be ready and do my job."

Navarro, who hit .274 with 12 home runs and 59 runs batted in last season, faces being a designated hitter and backup catcher with the Jays. He is on the final year of a two-year deal that will pay him \$5 million this season.

Manager John Gibbons, who spoke to the media before Navarro, said he understood his catcher's frustration.

"I can't blame him for not being happy. He's a competitor, he's a big-league player, a good one," Gibbons said, insisting there was a place for Navarro on the team. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Devils dump Desert Dogs for shutout

Cory Schneider had 38 saves for his third shutout of the season and the New Jersey Devils posted their first four-game winning streak in two years with a 3-0 decision over the fading Arizona Coyotes on Monday night.

Scott Gomez tallied on a first-period breakaway and Mike Cammalleri had breakaway and empty-net goals in the third period for New Jersey, which had not won four in a row since early February 2013.

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Hernandez trial. Cleaner claims to have found guns

A woman who cleaned the home of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez testified Monday at his murder trial that she saw two guns there before the killing.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to the June 17, 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. His body was found in an industrial park not far from Hernandez's home. The .45-calibre gun used to shoot him six times was never found.

Marilia Prinholato testified under questioning from prosecutors that she saw the first



Aaron Hernandez
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gun around May 7, 2013, her second time cleaning the house. She said she was straightening the fitted sheet on the bed in a basement guest room when she discovered it. Prinholato described it as black, heavy and 30 to 40 centimetres long, and she said she put it back under the mattress where it had been.

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March 21 - April 20

Someone you believed was trustworthy will show their true colours. In a way, they have done you a favour — you know not to trust them again.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you find it hard to communicate with those around you over the next 24 hours, it may be the planets' way of telling you this is not a good time to discuss serious matters.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone in a position of power will say something that annoys you today, not least because it seems to cast doubts on your expertise. Don't take it too seriously.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You won't be sociable today but that's OK; you need time to plan your next move. Don't give up on a long-term ambition. *It can* be done.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Spell out what it is you intend to do over the next few days so there can be no confusion. However, having made your plans public you must stick with them.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't let anyone pressure you into making a hasty decision today, especially as it will be you who gets the blame if it all goes wrong.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Your mind may be sharp and clear but that does not mean the conclusions you reach will be right. Wherever possible, do your own research.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be tempted to rush through a task at top speed, but if you do, you may make a bad job of it. Do it right the first time.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Plan ahead but try not to actually do anything. If you give your brain a rest today it will be working better later in the week, when important decisions have to be made.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are having doubts about something you thought was a great idea. But don't give up, because a few days from now your doubts will be gone and it will be a great idea again.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are desperate to make an impression, but don't break the rules or, worse, break the law. The impression must be positive, not negative.

Pisces

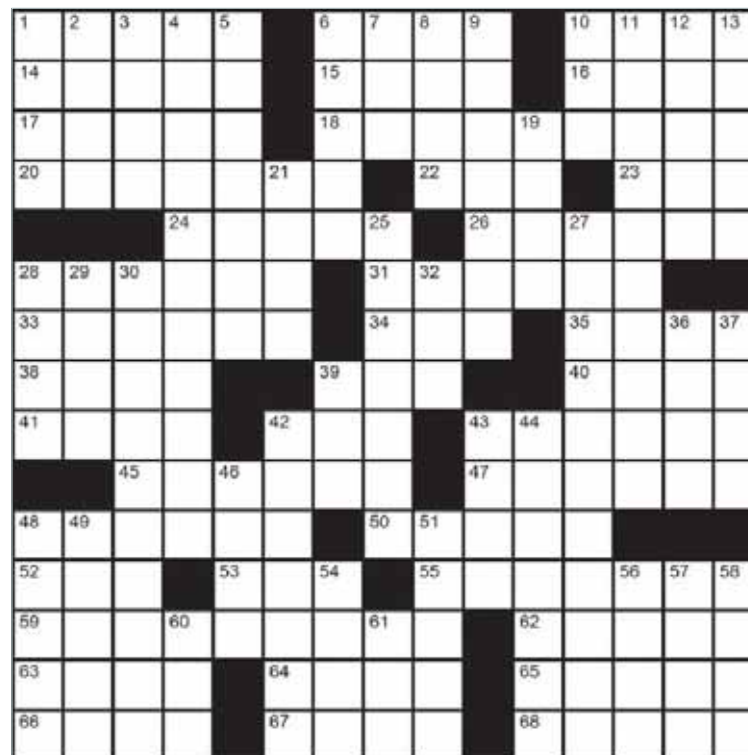
Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone asks you to help with a cause close to your heart, you will do so eagerly. But before you do, make sure you are dealing with professionals, not amateurs.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Tim __, Canadian journalist to which Prime Minister Trudeau made his famous 'just watch me' quote in 1970
6. Hungry feeling
10. Company bosses, collectively [abbr.]
14. Then: French
15. Moulding type
16. __ knot
17. __ 6 a.m., like an alarm clock
18. CBCS = Canadian Broadcast __ Council
20. Canadian cycling great Curt
22. Casual shirt
23. Newspaper in Calif.'s largest city [acronym]
24. __ lights (Movie set brighteners)
26. Frill
28. Ms. Lansbury
31. Magical potion
33. "Fifty Shades of Grey" actor Jamie
34. Ms. Richie, briefly
35. Poetically approaching
38. __ now (Up to this point)
39. 'Sure' signal
40. Computers: Prefix to 'byte'
41. Dry: Spanish
42. Silent
43. #29-Down's answer, informally
45. Epoch when ancestors of the modern



47. Furniture polish brand
48. Stage musical, Bye Bye __
50. Goat-antelope of Japan
52. Whichever
53. __-la-la!

55. Dance judge Nigel
59. __-__ sweater
62. Prince William's brother
63. "The Bridge on the River __" (1957)
64. "This should come __ surprise..."
65. Uplift

66. Video game maker
67. Nashville, __
68. Mister, in Madrid

Down

1. Foolhardy
2. Epithet for Athena
3. Tolkien's trilogy,

4. Genetically-modified grub
5. Canadian actress Ms. Warren
6. Mail, in Montreal
7. 007, e.g.
8. Tidy
9. Not a name brand

10. Kingston Trio hit
11. 1991 Matthew Sweet song
12. Track star's 'necklace'
13. Preference
19. Two: French
21. Vancouver-born actress Valerie
25. Making-organs 'instructions'
27. Vancouver Canucks mascot: 3 wds.
28. "Cold Mountain" (2003) heroine, and others
29. Olfactory organ
30. Show on Oprah's network OWN starring two Canadians, "Anna & Kristina's __"
32. Jar's closer
36. Watered-down rum
37. Smog
39. Convent dweller
42. Kalahari Desert animal
43. Agile
44. Garments
46. Adduce
48. Gives support to
49. Floored: 2 wds.
51. Mr. John
54. Cove: French
56. " __ Torino" (2008)
57. "Is that for here __ go?" (Fast food query)
58. Glander
60. __ Fail (Irish coronation stone)
61. Hostel

Yesterday's Crossword



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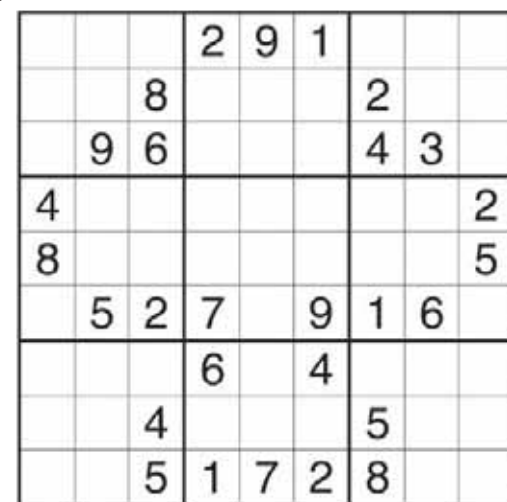


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Yesterday's Sudoku



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